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SUBJECT: RELATIONS WITH UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION WORKING GROUP

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1. FRIDAY, MAY 21, BEING A MAJOR LOCAL HOLIDY, EMBOFF TRACKED DOWN ON MAY 22 FONMINISTRY DIRECTOR GENERAL JAVIER ILLANES AND MADE DEMARCHE REQUESTED IN REF A, WITH ADDITION OF AMBASSADOR BENNITT'S AND GARMENT'S JUDGMENT ON THE TACTICAL SITUATION AS EXPRESSED N LAST SENTENCE, PARA 1, REF B.

2. ILLANES SAID THAT THE CHILEAN REPRESENTATIVES' INSTRUCTIONS DO NOT EXCLUDE A VISIT BY THE UNHRC AD HOC WORKING GROUP, BUT ENVISAGE A VISIT AS THE LAST STEP AFTER THE ESSENTIAL DETAILS HAVE BEEN WORKED OUT. ILLANES SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THE US POSITION OF TRYING TO HELP IN THIS MATTER. IT WAS A VERY DELICATE SITUATION, HOWEVER, AND THE CHILEAN REPRESENTATIVES ARE WORKING DIRECTLY FROM PRESIDENT PINOCHET'S INSTRUCTIONS.

3. ILLANES ASKED FOR A MEMORANDUM, WHICH EMBASSY PRESENTED MAY 24.

4. COMMENT: IF ALLANA INSISTS ON COMING TO CHLE HIMSLEF, WE ARE NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT A VISIT WILL EVER TAKE PLACE. AT BEST IT WOULD BE DIFFICLUT FOR GOC TO REVERSE ITSELF AND ALLOW EVEN
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A PART OF THE UN WORKING GROUP TO COME TO CHILE AT THIS STAGE.

BASIC PROBLEM IS THAT ORIGINAL DECISION NOT TO RECEIVE WORKING GROUP WAS PRESIDENT PINOCHET'S, AND HE HAS MAINTAINED HIGH HEAD OF STEAM ABOUT IT EVER SINCE. WE THINK IT WOULD BE IN GOC'S INTEREST TO ARRANGE FOR A VISIT BY A PART IF NOT ALL OF THE WORKING GROUP, BY THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION AFTER THE OASGA (THOUGH ANNOUNCED BEFORE) OR BY A HIGH-LEVEL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL -- IN THAT ORDER OF PREFERENCE. WE WILL TAKE STOCK OF SITUATION AFTER WORKING GROUP GOES PUBLIC AND WILL BE GLAD TO SUPPORT HERE ANY FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED IN NEW YORK.
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